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- 1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH MINCOMM STAFFER FEB. 24 CONCERNING LATEST US PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN ATA. IT APPEARS ONLY REMAINING PROBLEM IS ANNEX.
- 2. GOS SEES SOME AMBIGUITIES IN US VERSION OF ANNEX, ONE OF WHICH HAS BEEN CORRECTED BY NEW LANGUAGE FOR FOOTNOTE 3 (REFTEL, PARA 8). ONE OTHER PROBLEM IS THAT LANGUAGE OF FOOTNOTES 1 AND 2 IN US PROPOSALS COULD, THEY THINK, BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW SIX FIFTH-FREEDOM FREQUENCIES PER WEEK. GOS SUGGESTION IS THAT FOOTNOTE 2 BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE ANY OF THESE POINTS MAY ONLY BE USED AS PART OF THE ROUTE IN ANY OF THE ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS REFERRED TO IN FOOTNOTE 1 UNQUOTE. THEN, IN PARAGRAPH A(1) OF THE ANNEX, THE WORDS "KOREA" AND "THAILAND" WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERSCRIPTED FOOTNOTE DESIGNATION "1, 2."
- 3. SECTION C(1) IS ACCEPTABLE; GOS WILL STUDY NEW SECTION C(2) AND INFORM EMBASSY SHORTLY.

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4. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOS HAS INDICATED TO EMBASSY ITS DESIRE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT QUICKLY, SO WE DID NOT DELAY PRESENTATION OF POINTS REFTEL. WE DO THINK, HOWEVER, THAT INTRODUCTION OF GAUGE CLAUSE AT THIS LATE DATE IS UNDESIREABLE. FIRST, THE QUESTION HAS BEEN SETTLED TO OUR SATISFACTION IN FLYING TIGERS" CASE, WHICH WOULD BE PRECEDENT IF ANY FUTURE DISPUTE ARISES. SECOND, CLAUSE CONTAINS REQUIREMENT THAT FLIGHT

NUMBER MUST NOT CHANGE AFTER CHANGE OF GAUGE. ALTHOUGH FTL DID NOT PROPOSE CHANGE OF GAUGE ON THEIR FLIGHTS 45/48, WE ARE UNCOMFORTABLE AT HAVING THE POINT RAISED. IF GOS SHOWS ANY RELUCTANCE OR PROPOSES ANY CHANGES TO CLAUSE AS PRESENTED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S APPROVAL TO DROP THE CLAUSE FROM OUR PROPOSAL.

5. WE WILL CABLE FINAL VERSION OF AGREEMENT AND ANNEX TO DEPT. FOR FINAL CHECK BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR SIGNING. HOLDRIDGE

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